CONGRATULATING TEKYLAH SIMP-SON ON HER ACCEPTANCE TO CULINARY SCHOOL

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate TeKylah Simpson for being accepted into the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Austin.

TeKylah, a senior at Stafford High School, enrolled in Chef Courtney Ralls' Culinary Program as a sophomore. Through the program, Simpson became the first in her family to travel outside of the United States when she went to Italy; next summer she will go to Spain. Her skills have developed and earned her a spot at the Culinary school. She is incredibly driven and one day hopes to open her own bakery.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to TeKylah Simpson for being accepted into

the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Austin. We know that she will reflect the hard work and values of her community through her academics, and wish her the best of luck.

107TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th National Day of the Republic of China. National Day, known as 10–10, commemorates the Wuchang Uprising of 1911 and the revolution that followed. The Wuchang Uprising was the first event in a monumental revolution that reshaped China. Dr. Sun Yatsen led the Chinese nationalists to victory and went on to create a republic grounded in the same principles as our own.

Today, the National Day of the Republic of China is the celebration of a free and democratic Republic of China. Taiwan is a global leader in commerce, technology and innovation and has helped power the technological revolution of the 21st century. Over the last 107 years, the United States has developed deep connections with the Republic of China. The Republic of China has been a steadfast ally of the United States, assisting operations in World War II and Vietnam. At a time of increasing strategic competition, the FY 19 NDAA passed by this Congress seeks to increase our strong ties with Taiwan by increasing security cooperation. Trade is an additional area of cooperation between the United States and the Republic of China. In fact, Taiwan is one of the largest markets for soybeans grown in northeast Indiana.

I wish the people of the Republic of China a happy 107th National Day, and I know that the bonds of friendship between us will continue to flourish.